

**Rumor of New Route for Operation
of the Virginia Auto
Jitney Service.**

No official information had been received today by the public utilities commission concerning the reported intention of the Virginia Auto Service Company to operate its jitney coaches between Ballston, Va., and 8th street and Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington, on the basis of an increased capitalization and an increased fare. The company suspended operations for one day, owing to financial difficulties, but

President H. A. Fones called a stockholders' meeting, at which it was decided the concern could make a profitable showing on an increased capitalization if the fare should be placed at 10 cents a trip or 15 cents a round trip.

According to a member of the public utilities commission, that body probably will not object to the increased fare, inasmuch as the service is entirely new in character. The commission, however, has refused to allow jitneys operating at points within the District

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